

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

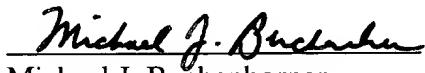
Claims 1-3, 5, 6-7 have been rejected. Claim 4 has been allowed. Claims 1-3, 5, 6-7 have been cancelled. Claim 4 was amended solely for purposes of form and clarity and not for narrowing the scope of the claims or for patentability. New claims 8, 9, and 10 have been added to cover embodiments in other statutory categories for the invention.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action of July 19, 2004 found claim 4 to be allowable. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for this finding.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,


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